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SUBSCRIPTIONS REMINDER

Members are reminded that subscriptions (£12) fell due on 1st October last.

UK taxpayers are kindly requested to pay their subs by Gift Aid as this increases the value to the Association by just over 28%. The method is simple—contact Ian Wishart (see p. 7).

SUMMER REUNION: GARDEN PARTY—BARBECUE—DISCO

at St John's Nature Garden, 386 Clapham Road SW9

Sunday 10th July 2 pm to 9 pm

Adults £15, Children £6 (over 6 to under 12 years)

(See flyer for details of ticket sellers)

QC & BHS ASSOCIATIONS JOINT CARNIVAL FÊTE

at Tooting Leisure Centre, Sunday 28th August, 8 pm—late

Music by Tafawa Admission £10 Full details later

ASSOCIATION TREASURER KEN BREWSTER PASSES ON



Most of you will by now have heard the sad news about our long-serving Treasurer, **Kenneth Ivor Brewster**, FCCA, who died on 15th April last after a long battle against pancreatic cancer. St Matthias' Church, Colindale, at which Ken was a leading member of the congregation, was full almost to capacity at his funeral service on 22nd April. QC old boys attending were Mark Adamson, Orin Austin (both former classmates of Ken's), Mark Dalgety, Peter Fraser, Anthony Joseph, Bruce Nóbrega, Gary Ramprashad, Ian Wishart and Ivor Ying. Just before the last hymn, the alumni were invited to the front to sing *Laude Gratemur Scholae* as a tribute and last farewell.

Mark Adamson writes:

I first met Ken in September 1949 when we both entered Queen's in IB, he to Raleigh House and I to Austin. He was always a quiet, rather studious boy. In all our years at QC I don't think I ever heard him raise his voice once. After leaving school in 1955, he worked in the BG Civil Service, while I subsequently joined Bookers. We lost touch with each other in 1962 when I came to live here. Then about 30 years later—around the early 1990s—Michael Wishart and I were at the High Commission in London going through lists of Guyanese in the UK, looking for former QC students, when quite by chance we came across 'Brewster, Mr & Mrs Kenneth I'. Contact was established, and details of the Association sent. Ken's response was immediate, joining the Association in 1993, becoming a staunch supporter and a Life Member. He was among those who journeyed to Guyana for the school's sesquicentennial celebrations in 1994, and was elected to the Management Committee at the AGM later that year. An accountant by profession, he was an obvious choice for Treasurer, to which post he was appointed in 1995. He effectively served in that office for eight years (including co-option as Assistant Treasurer—*de facto* Treasurer—during the compulsory break under the three-year rule): the Association's longest serving Treasurer.

Ken's death just a few days short of his 67th birthday has deeply saddened his friends, colleagues, and all who knew him—I in particular, as I've known him longer than anyone else in the Association. His familiar figure at our functions, going about his duties in his usual quiet and competent way, will be sorely missed. Only eleven days before he died we spoke on the phone. I had invited him and his wife Pat to a Guyana Diocesan Association

reception at the High Commission, and he phoned to apologise that they couldn't make it. I could hear from his voice that he was low. This was to be the last time we spoke.

Ken is survived by Pat and their children Cheryl, David and Noel. To them and all his family we tender our deepest sympathy and understanding in their great loss.

ASSOCIATION DONATES £6000 TO QC

Although the floods earlier in the year did not damage the school, many pupils were affected. An appeal was quickly launched by QCOSA, and the response from the overseas Alumni Associations was equally prompt, our own donation amounting to £2000. In keeping with our charitable object, we stipulated that the money could only go to those pupils whose education had been affected by the disaster.

A further donation of £4000 was made in kind through the purchase of equipment for the Physics Lab from a list provided by QCOSA committee member, former headmaster (and an ex-Vice-President of this Association), **Clarence Trotz**. The total cost of the equipment, including shipping, was just over £6300, the New York Association making up the difference. **Thank you New York.**

SPRING EVENT

Around 50 persons attended the Spring Event held at the High Commission on Saturday 23rd April. Staff member **Carl Abrams** presented an edited version of the DVD he had produced of the High Commission's Flood Relief Concert held back in February. This was widely appreciated, as was **Gloria Hector's** cuisine. Grateful thanks to **Ken Chung** of K M Chung Promotions who journeyed all the way from Windsor with his video equipment so that the DVD could be projected onto a screen instead of being viewed on a TV set.

The main purpose of the Spring Event is to give the Association a higher profile amongst potential members, rather than to raise funds. A small loss of £57 was incurred.

SALVETE

We welcome **Vidur L C Dindayal**, JP, Architect, as a new Friend Life Member.

VALETE

Harry Baird, actor, briefly a Friend Member, *b.* 12.5.31, *d.* 13.2.05. **Kenneth I Brewster** (QC 49–55), *Life Member* and Treasurer of the Association, *b.* 19.4.38, *d.* 15.4.05 (see p. 1). Sir **John G Carter**, QC, OR, CCH (QC 31–c. 38), *b.* 27.1.19, *d.* 11.3.05 in Bethesda, Maryland (see obituary below). **Sydney Mahindra Nauth Jaikaran**, MA (Cantab), MB, BChir, FRCS, FRCP (QC 44–52), Guyana Scholar 1952, champion swimmer, Sgt-Major of Cadets, *b.* 5.1.34, *d.* 27.4.04 in Canada. **R M ('Pryor') Jonas** (QC c. 40–48 as pupil; c. 61–c. 72 as master), cricket statistician, *d.* 8.5.05 in Georgetown. **Lionel Edward (Ted) Lord** (QC 34–41), *Member*, *d.* 9.8.04. **Michael Niamatali** (QC 57–65), played Northcote and Wight Cup cricket for the school, *d.* 11.3.05 in New Amsterdam. **G G Michael Willock** (QC 1950s), Engineer, *d.* 7.2.05 in his 63rd year in Houston, Texas.

To the bereaved relatives, the Association extends its sincerest condolences.

OBITUARY

SIR JOHN CARTER, QC, OR, CCH

John Gregorio Carter was born on 27th January 1919 at Cane Grove, East Coast Demerara, and grew up in Kitty. He entered Queen's College in 1931 where he excelled academically and also played for the school's cricket and football teams. After completing his secondary education, John attended the University of London, earning a BA and an LLB. He then sat his bar exams at Middle Temple, emerging with honours in second place among the Commonwealth students.

Returning to Guyana in 1945, John established a very successful law practice, attracting such young legal practitioners as Forbes Burnham and Desmond Hoyte. He was elected to the legislature in 1948, and formed his own political party in 1952 which subsequently merged with the PNC. He became a QC in 1962, the year he was also appointed pro-Chancellor of the fledgling University of Guyana.

Following independence in 1966, John joined the diplomatic corps and was knighted in that year. His diplomatic posts included being Guyana's first ambassador to the US, UN representative, high commissioner variously to

Canada, the UK and Jamaica, and ambassador to China, with concurrent accreditations as ambassador to Japan and North Korea.

Sir John died in Bethesda, Maryland, on 23rd February. He is survived by his widow Sara Lou, three daughters, a step-daughter and two sons.

(The above is a summary of the obituary co-authored by his son Brian, an attorney in Washington, and his nephew Justice Vibert Lampkin of the Ontario Court of Justice. The Appreciation below is a slightly abridged version of that read out at the funeral on Sir Shridath Ramphal's behalf by John's daughter Jennifer.)

AN APPRECIATION

by Shridath Ramphal

John Carter was among the best of Guyana's sons—which is to say, were his virtues to have been the norm, our country too would be the best it could be.

Many will recall his long life. With most of our generation, I knew of him as a 'star-boy' and role model when he came back from London after the war as a qualified lawyer with widely acknowledged leadership qualities. But I knew John Carter really well only during the second part of his life—from Guyana's independence nearly forty years ago.

By then, with his celebrated lack of hunger for power, he was beginning to be an elder statesman. As a young Minister of State for Foreign Affairs it was natural that I should value his judgement. He quickly became part of the diplomatic team—its natural 'doyen'—that would take Guyana through the first decades of our encounter with the world as a sovereign State. It was a challenging time: we knew we were laying the foundations of a long future.

John brought to those tasks extraordinary diplomatic skills—skills that were his by nature. We had no academy for training our diplomats, and our first ambassadors climbed no career ladder. As Guyana's first ambassador in Washington, John's strengths were his natural gifts of diplomacy—gifts admired and respected by his peers from around the world in all the Capitals in which he served. He was as much at ease in the White House as in King's House, Jamaica, shaping Guyana's image and advancing its interests with the aid of his superb natural talents.

In London, as high commissioner between 1970 and 1975, John played a crucially important role as chairman of the Commonwealth Sanctions Committee which helped to chart the Commonwealth's policy on UDI in Southern Rhodesia (subsequently Zimbabwe), and apartheid in South Africa. Africa needed a Chairman from beyond Africa. It knew it could rely as much on the suave sagacity of John Carter as on the resolute solidarity of Guyana. Over the years the whole Commonwealth admired his calm and principled stewardship. It was a privileged contribution from Guyana.

Through all those years of service to Guyana, John's diplomatic gifts were both enhanced and supplemented by his wife Sara Lou's quite exceptional graces. In every capital in which they served they are remembered as a team—a team devoted to each other and to the advancement of their country's interests.

Guyana has a noble record as a member of the world community. Our first diplomats established benchmarks of professionalism and excellence that inspired those who came after them. John Carter's contributions are imperishable. His passing marks the end of a life well and truly lived—one that Guyana must treasure and Guyanese must emulate for its many qualities and lessons for us all.

CORRECTIONS

In the earlier edition of the last *Newsletter* we inadvertently recorded the death of Vere T Downer, this should have been **Verdie D Downer**. Vere T Downer was indeed connected with education, but a male; he died many years ago. Our apologies to the relatives—and our thanks to Clarence Trotz for the correction. Somewhat less culpably we congratulated Kiran Mattai for topping the country in last year's CSEC exams ('O' levels to the oldies). This had been prematurely reported as such in *Stabroek News*, but when the final results came out QC's **Tamika Henry** was top with eleven grade 1 passes and Kiran runner-up with ten (as previously reported)—QC first and second. So belated congratulations to Tamika whilst still recognising Kiran's achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

QC VI formers **Somdat Kissoon** and **Kibileri Williams** for being respectively first and second in the country at 2004 CAPE (Caribbean Examination Council's 'A' levels), for which they received Ministry of Education National Awards.

EDEN GAJRAJ FACILITATES CANADIAN FLOOD RELIEF DONATION TO GUYANA

From Caribbean Graphic Online, a Canadian website, 4.4.05

The Canadian government, represented by Jim Karygiannis, MP, recently made a formal presentation of C\$2.7 million to aid Guyana as it recovers from the flooding of its coastlands earlier this year. The MP for Scarborough-Agincourt chose Scarborough, rather than the capital Ottawa, to make the presentation because of the large number of Guyanese resident there. But the unsung hero is Guyanese Canadian **Eden Gajraj** (QC 1954–61, committee member and a past President of the QC Alumni Association, Toronto) who accompanied the MP on a two-day trip to Guyana that facilitated the government's grant.

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But even tragedies have their lighter side. The following was copied from a (mainly North American) Guyanese group chat room during the time of the flood.

This morning a woman called me from Better Hope, East Coast Demerara, shouting over the phone: 'Uncle Joe! Uncle Joe! Four snake deh in me bedroom! Dem smell de fish an swim straight in me bottom flat.' In the confusion and excitement of waking up and finding flood waters in her bedroom, she had misdialled her uncle's number, getting me instead. I tried to tell her that she'd got the wrong person, but she wouldn't stop shouting. 'Oh laad, uncle, dem snake a swim in me bottom flat, an de water still rising.'

'Hello, hello,' I said above her piercing voice, 'I am not your uncle. You have the wrong number.'

'Me na kay you a who. Tell de whole a New York dat Better Hope duck, an me rass gat four snake to deal wid.' She immediately hung up.

That is how I learnt about the flood.

HISTORY CORNER

THE BRITISH GUIANA COMPANY

Sidney van Batenberg-Stafford ('Staffy', QC latter 40s–53) was researching the history of his ancestor Governor van Batengerg at the Georgetown Public Library three years ago. He writes: 'Upstairs in the west wing is a treasure trove of history, must be worth millions in US dollars. I was looking for an old book [but] could not find it in the index, so I asked for help (by the way, you are not allowed in this section of the library, but they will fetch the book sought and allow you to read it in a secure section). [The] young lady [in attendance] lent me a copy of English Colonies in Guiana and the Amazon 1604–1668. I took notes from it and then started searching the web.' Sidney eventually made contact with the Reader Information Services Department of the (UK) National Archives, who provided him with extracts, from various papers, most of which are reproduced below. (References have been excluded for brevity.)

On May 19 1627, King Charles [I] granted a patent to George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham and 55 others, who each subscribed between £50 and £150 for the venture under the name of the Governor and Company of Noblemen and Gentlemen of England for the Plantation of Guiana.

There are many references to early explorations in Guiana and the Amazon by the English in the 'Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, America and West Indies', 1574-1660, and the following extracts relate to Buckingham's company.

March ?, 1626. Summary relation by Capt. (Roger) North; concerning the patent for the River Amazon and the country and coast adjoining. Informed King James [I], by petition, some five years since of His Majesty's right to those parts, who after full deliberation granted a patent with great immunities to such as should engage therein, and several orders were issued by the Privy Council for the King's special service. The nobility and gentry went into the business with great affection, a ship and pinnace were got ready, but the Spanish agents procured a command from the King that Capt. North should suspend his voyage till further order. Gondomar [el Conde (Count) de Gondomar, the influential Spanish ambassador at the court of James I] spared no efforts to put a stop to the undertaking, affirming at the Council table that his master had actual possession of those countries; but through the Duke of Richmond's assurances, and receiving letters 'that the world expected he should go without bidding,' the Company at Plymouth being ready to disperse, North put to sea. Gondomar, hearing that he had sailed, would not be pacified until a proclamation was issued for his return, but could not obtain possession of the goods by any law. The business was not disclaimed but only suspended.

Capt. North returned in Dec. 1620, 'well fraught' having heard nothing of the proclamation against him, but was committed to the Tower, 1621, Jan. 7, though he had great partners in his adventure and declared he had done nothing to offend the Spaniards. He was liberated in July 1621, and the following month obtained restoration of his goods, sequestered by the Spanish Ambassador's means.

Ibid. Brief notes of the business of the Amazon [by Capt. Roger North ?] for the Duke of Buckingham. The river [Amazon] judged to be the fairest in the world, the greater part never passed by any Christian, nor the continent adjoining discovered. Conveniently situated. Commonly seven weeks passage from Plymouth. Climate of the country already discovered excellent; inhabited by many nations of different languages, who would rather admit any Christians than Spaniards or Portuguese. Produce and profits from commodities. 'I left there' 100 gentlemen and others six years ago; many still remain dispersed among the Indians, although supplies from England have been stopped. They are without government, speak the languages of several nations and may make use of thousands of Indians, who are rewarded with glass beads, ironwork, 'or such like contemptible stuff' for housing and working for them. The Indians supplied by the Dutch. The English withstood a great attempt of the Portuguese, wrought by Gondomar, to supplant them, about four years since. The course at present intended is, by the King's favour, to have the patent, formerly suspended, renewed, whereby the adventurers will be incorporated into a company, which, when effected, 'this great business' will be perpetuated without any charge to His Majesty.

April 3, 1626. Preamble for the subscriptions for the formation of a company of adventurers to the River Amazon Upon the suit of Roger North, the King has directed the Attorney General to prepare a bill for His Majesty's signature, containing a grant of incorporation to him, Robt. Harcourt, and others, to be joined with them, and such extent of lands and other privileges as are contained in two grants of 28 Aug. 1613, and 1 Sept. 1619.

Feb 16, 1627. Petition of Roger North to the King. Being engaged in the work of enlarging the King's dominions by plantations on the River Amazon and the country of Guiana, prays for one or two prize ships fit for that employment. This petition was referred to the Duke of Buckingham to take such order as he should deem good, and Nicholas, his Secretary, has added 'one of 200 and a pink of 50, or two of 300 tons between them.'

May 19, 1627. Grant to Geo. Duke of Buckingham, Will. Earl of Pembroke, and others, of incorporation by the name of the Governor and Company of Noblemen and Gentlemen of England for the Plantation of Guiana. (This grant passed the Great Seal on 2 June following.)

June 20, 1627. Brief relation of the present state of the business of Guiana. The King's letters patent erected the adventurers into a corporation, the Duke of Buckingham, Governor, with 55 other noblemen and gentlemen, the Company. They have subscribed some 150*l.*, some 100*l.*, and some 50*l.* a-piece. Guiana, and 'the royal river of Amazon' contained in the grant. General Courts to be held four times in the year. Ordinary Courts and the election of officers to be agreed upon. On 8 June, Capt. Roger North, brother to Lord North, was constituted Deputy Governor. Sir Henry Spilman, Treasurer, and other officers subsequently chosen. All that come in before the next General Court to be charged no more than the patentees themselves. This paper printed to give the adventurers who were absent notice of these proceedings; they are desired to bring in those willing to join the Company.

1629? Inducements to be propounded to the King to take under his protection the adventurers to the river Amazon or Guiana and their plantation Great probability of advancing to His Majesty and his successors 50,000*l.* per annum for 21 years, to begin after the plantation shall have been settled four years. Such 'rent' to be paid on these conditions: the King to send 3,000 men, to be at his own charge, for four years, 100 pieces of ordnance and ammunition, and a certain number of ships for transportation of the settlers and protection of their estates. These expenses are estimated at 48,000*l.*, or 15,000*l.* ready money. Endorsed, by Sec. Carleton: 'Guiana, recd. from Capt. Duppa.'

1629? Mem. by Mr. Yueling (Evelyn ?), concerning a voyage made to the Amazon, about four years past, by his servant, Thomas Fanning, with the object of embarking there in the trade with the Flushings, and securing a monopoly for England; this failed for want of encouragement, and through the designs of the Portuguese. Afterwards joined Abraham van Pece, one of the West India Governors, to settle the traffic at the Berbice River, but finding Captains Roger North and Leake upon the same business, sees no possibility of proceeding therein.*

1635? Reasons for the stay of Wil Gayner, an Irishman, and his associates, from proceeding in their voyage from Holland to the Amazon and adjacent parts. The King granted those countries to a company of noblemen and gentlemen of England, and they have been possessed by his subjects about sixteen years. The Council have thereupon stayed some English gentlemen who were going thence. These are in confederacy with Gayner, who is likely to take the Dutch there, which would cause quarrel and bloodshed between the two nations. Underwritten is a note that Gayner lieth at one Clifton's, an English innkeeper in Flushing.

1635? Memorandum concerning the position and climate of Guiana. Attempted by Sir W. Raleigh, (Robt.) Harcourt, and others. Raleigh ruined by King James, who, by Gondomar, let the King of Spain know his whole design before Raleigh was out of the Thames.

April 16, 1638. Petition of George Griffith, merchant, to the King. Sets forth his great loss by sending men to the River Amazon, and planting on the coast of Guiana, through the Portuguese and the treachery of the natives; and that the Dutch are likely to gain Brazil and parts adjacent, by which a great revenue in customs will be lost. The King's subjects were the first Christians who ever planted the Amazon; the old Company does nothing therein; is assured that no design is so hopeful. Prays for some speedy course to be taken to encourage adventurers to underwrite, that English subjects may be planted there before the Dutch or any other nation. With reference to the Lords Commissioners for Foreign Plantations to order what is fit for the King's service.

** Citizens of the Dutch town of Vlissingen (Flushing to the English).*

BREAKING NEWS: COOK-SHOP FLY* IN JAIL

Cook-Shop Fly is sending this email from Cell # 204, Orlando Precinct. HELP! Alya send bail. Must be US currency—no Monopoly Guyana dollars.

Wha happen? Well chile, this is how it go.

Saddened by the news of the calamitous floods back home, I decided yesterday to return and help the natives. I bought my ticket on line from Universal, not BWIA, cause ah carrying back ten heavyweight barrels. BWIA not very dependable. Their slogan still **But Will It Arrive?**

Telephone ringing. Caller ask if I can bring back from Guyana some fish, molasses and greenheart. No way! I look stupidly to you? Is worse thing telling Guyanese your travelling plans. Their shopping 'bring-back-fa-me' lists longer than UN relief needs for South Asia after the tsunami.

Will never forget, years ago, when ah told a friend during the 'banlon days' to meet me at JFK, with his lil gift package, a present for some godchile.

Believe this: when ah arrive at check-in there is a mid-size U-Haul blocking up GuyAmerica passenger departure gate. At the counter my padna waiting, punctual. This is America, not Guyana, time. He greeted me like Stanley meeting Livingstone. Of course, ah hadn't seen him since Central 1949. Had to subtract 50 years and 250 pounds. His nickname at school—'Frigidaire'—come to pass.

Oh Lawd! In front the counter his stock-pile to carry back home was a differential, four tyres, a Vauxhall windshield, Toyota Corona back bumper, two 12 volt battery, a small suitcase, top-load VCR with 19 inch TV, and three Sunday Edition NY Times bundled up! He notices, ah kinda uncomfortable.

So he consoles. 'Don't worry, ya won't have to pay duty, my uncle cousin knows a friend who is engaged to the Customs Officer at Timehri. Man ah got ya covered if ya got anything to declare.'

And boldface he hand me a list. 'If ya get a chance, bring back for me some cassareep, cassava bread, coconut water, congo pump, wiri-wiri pepper, and married-man pork. Ah want to make black pudding, but the basil up here na up to scratch.'

'Ya sure that's all?' I asked.

Over to Big Lots yesterday to collect galoshes, rain wear ponchos, umbrellas, BenGay to rub down if foot swell-up—big foot na look good on Chineese. Nuff mosquito coil—na that won't work in damp situation—Deet, or coconut oil mix with citronella plus cat do-do: mosquitoes will stay far, like they owe ya money.

But Georgetown like Venice. Need gondola to get around. Just remembered I had a 'life-saving deflatable' I had 'borrowed' off Eastern Airlines sometime in the sixties. Notice ah said 'borrowed', which is different to 'huff'. When we Guyanese travel and pay for air ticket, we reserve the right to bring off anything na tie down on aircraft: life jacket, seat cushion, parachute. All my linen at home have family names: Pegasus, Hilton, Marriott, Day's Inn, Tower. Kept the life-raft since, promising to start fishing some day up here—remember dem fishing days back home, behind Rockstone?

Had to make sure the dinghy working—I was a boy-scout, in my young days: Always Be Prepared. On trial run on lake behind my dojo, I inflate the raft. Hear beeping sound like six a'clock bee. The raft even had biscuit ration pack, marked 'Eat before 1972'. Biscuit greenish. Wonder if it came from Continental next to Torginol Paint Factory—Industrial Site, behind Banks. Just remembered there was a flood there, around 1949, at the McDoom koker. Didn't care—ah was in short-pants then. Ah see the koker still not working.

Lifeboat afloat. Who tell me do dat? Ah in the middle of the lake, and three US Coast Guard helicopters buzzing overhead. How they know? This new Homeland Security Chief on the ball. Osama in pickle, his days numbered.

Bush doing a better job second time around. Hell, my own No 2 was worse. Na true that love is grand the second time around—or is it aground? But up to now they can't find that bitch. The only place he can hide is in a NBA basketball team.

Loud speaker blaring—basket and two heroes descending—can't hear instructions—loud sirens on shore. Hell, the overhead props just blew off my new \$50 hair piece. It float. Decision time: should I jump overboard to retrieve? Just remembered, Florida is alligator country.

Fire brigades like bush on the shoreline. Spectators gathered like Mash Day at National Park—these dam Americans fast no rass. Ambulances from as far as Daytona Beach. Every national TV station—CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS—in attendance. Alya look for me on the six o'clock news.

The Police want to charge me for 'possession of property without receipt'. Man, if that law applied back home, Lot 10 Camp Street reach Soesdyke. (Note extension up East Bank—East Coast already crowded with Buxton hoodlums. Ah notice Police couldn't enter that village. Light meters not read since February 2003. And in today's crisis Village Fathers presumptuous to complain: 'Government bypass us loyal citizens of our own Republic'.)

Told the Police I had bought the life-raft. from GAC when they shut down. GAC never got around to changing the nameplates. (Alya know how it is with local maintenance—the Barclay's Bank sign still up on that building, where Goya[†] painted the ceiling; and ah hear the alley by Camp Street still have Bamboo Garden empty take-out styrofoam boxes.) Anybody know how to contact Roberts or Dornford, past Managers of GAC? I need a witness, to swear false oath.

Alya help this Brudda ... ah mean Cook-Shop Fly. Hurry. The jail cell na bad—very tastefully decorated with Martha Stewart touches—but two fellas huge like Barney Johnson very friendly with nuff wink-eye. Guess ah have to sleep cat-mouse with eye open. Wonder if time off for jail is treated like maternity leave.

Ya think it easy? Life is a beach.

** Cook-Shop Fly is the self-inflicted sobriquet of Central High School old boy Godfrey Chin. This is Godfrey's third contribution to the Newsletter, putting most of our members to shame. Godfrey lives in Florida.*

[†] Goya is the name given to artist Tony Phillips (QC 1950–9) who lives in Australia. You may visit his website at www.aeroart2000.com.

DIARY DATES

9 JULY	BHS Association day trip to Le Touquet. (Contact Claire Carballo 020 8883 2157; £25 payable by 17 Jun)
10 JULY	<i>QCA SUMMER REUNION (see first page and flyer)</i>
28 AUGUST	<i>QCA–BHSA Carnival Fête, Tooting Leisure Centre (see p. 1, under masthead)</i>
2–5 SEPT	<i>ICQC Business meeting & reunion, NewYork (contact Gordon Wilson gwilson01@optonline.net)</i>
10 SEPT	St Rose's Alumni annual lunch, Vincent House, W2 (Notting Hill Gate—contact Pam Walters 01787 227316)
11 NOV	<i>QCA AGM & Social, High Commission</i>
2 DEC	<i>QCA Annual Dinner, New Loon Fung Restaurant</i>

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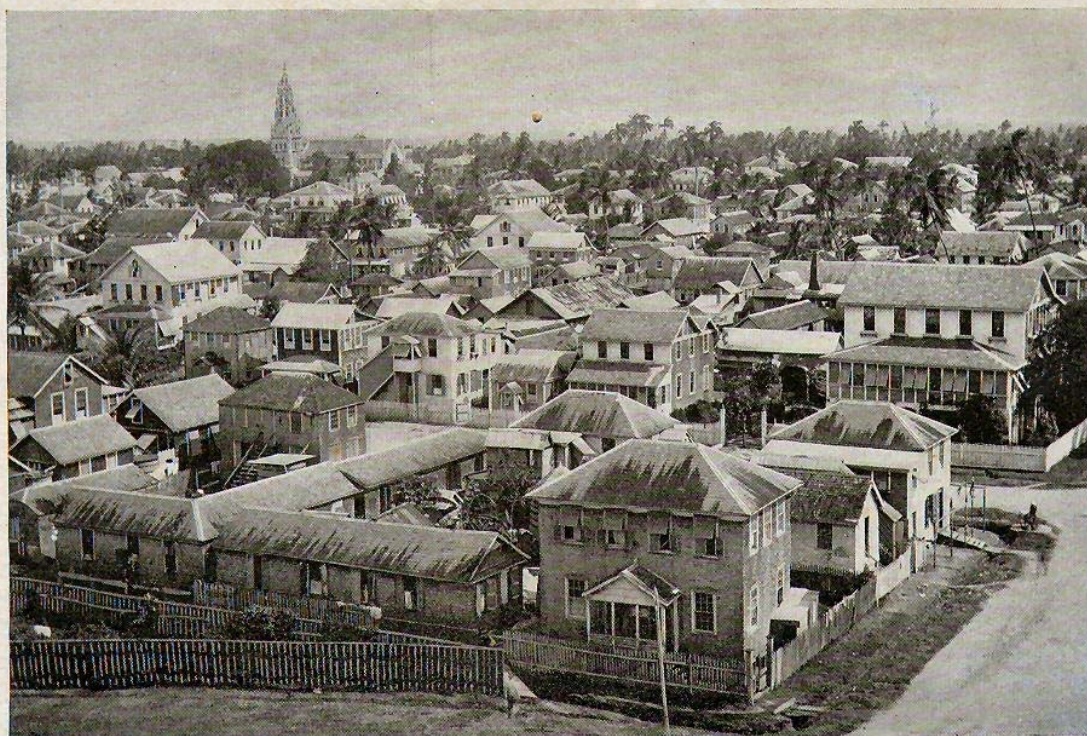
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GEORGETOWN.

The picture above, taken from *Hand-Book of British Guiana*, shows Georgetown in the late 1800s. The tower in the background belongs to the RC (Brickdam) Cathedral, destroyed by fire in 1913. The present cathedral is at the same location.